

FILES AND RECORDS DESTRUCTION ORDER

Date 4/22/76TO: SAC, MILWAUKEEFROM: SA [redacted]b6
b7CRE: File No. 92-1554

I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

 Destroyedunder the 120-day Rule 1-year Rule 5-year Rule 10-year Rule **Retained****Justification for Retention is as Follows:**

Case Agent's Initials JWSupervisor's Initials CHM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MI (92-New) (P)

DATE: 2/3/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: THE BLACK FAMILY
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[redacted] who has been providing reliable information since December of 1973, has advised that a loosely knit group of black gangs calling themselves The Black Family, are currently engaging in many types of illegal activities, including burglaries, armed robberies, prostitution, check passing, and gambling. Source advised that the common bond between these gangs is the sale of illicit narcotics.

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Source advised that following the incarceration of [redacted] a brief power struggle ensued between a number of persons in the black community for control of the narcotics operation. Source advised that among these were persons like [redacted], [redacted] (phonetic). At this time, an individual named [redacted] residing in [redacted] telephone [redacted], previously unknown to the source, emerged on the scene and apparently gained overall control of the major supply of heroin and cocaine. Source advised that this had the effect of more or less solidifying the dealers and pushers under one man and apparently giving rise to "The Black Family."

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Source advised that [redacted] a black male from [redacted] is apparently a large supplier for [redacted] and is second in the hierarchy of The Black Family. Under [redacted] and [redacted] is [redacted] aka [redacted] [redacted] a well known heavy dealer in narcotics. Under [redacted] a number of gangs or groups of blacks, each with their own leader, exists, among these being [redacted] and [redacted]

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Source pointed out that each of these groups has a number of "members" and that each has its own type of illegal activity which it engages in, such as prostitution, gambling, checks, armed robbery, etc. Position in the family is dependent upon financial wealth and access to supply of drugs, in particular, heroin and cocaine. Source attributed several recent murders in Milwaukee to The Black Family, those being FREDDIE JONES, who was found in an alley on the North Side, apparently dead of an overdose, and FELIX WINTER, who was recently shot and killed in Kenosha County. Source advised that both of these slayings were drug related and observed that FELIX WINTER had stolen a shipment of cocaine and was subsequently killed or ordered killed by [redacted] and a black male known to him as [redacted]

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Source advised that the emergence of the Black Family in Milwaukee has enabled the black criminal to present a fairly solidified front in the face of the opposition from other gangs or organizations which attempt to establish themselves in the black community in Milwaukee.

On 1/30/76, source identified the following Milwaukee Police Department photographs as being members of The Black Family:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-New) (P)

DATE: February 4, 1976

FROM : ASAC [redacted]

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SUBJECT: THE BLACK FAMILY
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During discussion instant date with United States Attorney (USA) WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN, Eastern District of Wisconsin (EDW), Milwaukee, he requested the FBI institute investigation of captioned organization. Mr. MULLIGAN reported that based on newspaper reports and discussions with personnel of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, he believes that a sizeable element of black organized crime exists in the Milwaukee area, and its illegal activities relate to narcotics, prostitution, gambling, and stolen property.

Mr. MULLIGAN desires initial investigation to determine if Federal laws are being violated.

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Black Syndicate Takes Hold Here

By Richard L. Kenyon
of The Journal Staff

A Black Mafia — a criminal organization of blacks dedicated to getting rich and apparently not above killing and torture — has developed in Milwaukee.

The organization is not much more than a year old, but many sources say it could surpass the Italian Mafia in organizational strength and capacity for violence.

Many sources said they believed narcotics trafficking would do for the Black Mafia what bootlegging during

Prohibition did for the Italian Mafia 50 years ago; that is, provide a source of power and profit.

Members of the organization call themselves The Family, sources said. They have modeled their structure after the traditional Italian Mafia with a don or boss, underboss, lieutenants and soldiers.

The size of the group could not be learned.

Federal, state and local police officers have been reluctant to talk about the Black Mafia. Some of them admit, however, that there is a Black Mafia

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The Milwaukee Journal
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Date: 1/19/76

Edition: Latest

Author:

Editor: Richard H Leonard

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in Milwaukee and that its primary concern is narcotics trafficking.

"There have been blacks deeply involved in major drug activity in Milwaukee for a number of years," one police source said. "Many of these major drug operators now belong to the inner workings of the Black Mafia or Family."

Other sources said the Black Mafia was beginning to control more gambling operations and some burglary and fencing rings.

Contacts for Years

"It's limited, though, you know," one said. "Like in stolen property — it takes white contacts to unload stolen goods for decent money. It takes a while to get these contacts."

Sources said black narcotics dealers had had contacts with whites for years, principally with Italian mob figures, since blacks had been necessary to the Italian Mafia for the distribution of narcotics in the black community.

"We're certain that Italian mafiosi have financially backed some of the large narcotics transactions made recently by blacks," said one state official.

The Milwaukee Journal reported in November that the Black Mafia had been able to grow and strengthen itself as the Italian Mafia moved away from control of organized criminal activity.

As the blacks take control of gambling, prostitution and

narcotics, the Italians, according to sources, have been moving toward white collar crimes, such as bank frauds.

Descriptions of the Black Mafia offered by Inner City sources bear similarities to the traditional Italian Mafia.

"Mean, Nasty"

"The Family," said one black source, "has a set of rules like the Italians. Like silence and loyalty and taking your bumps if you get caught by the police."

"These people are mean and they're nasty. You don't cross them. They don't care one about wasting somebody."

A source said The Family was behind the killing last February of Thomas (Tommy Slick) West, 26. He was killed in his N. 24th Pl. apartment with a shotgun and a pistol.

"It was a drug related thing," the source said. "They wasted him when he failed to pay money that was owed."

Columbia University sociologist Francis Ianni, who has specialized in the study of organized crime, suggested that Black Mafias are significantly different from Italian Mafias in at least one respect — militancy. He wrote in 1974:

"What could serve to strengthen the organization of black organized crime networks and, more important, bring them together under one code of behavior . . . is black militancy. Previous ethnic groups involved with organized crime — the Irish, the

Jews and the Italians — were desperately trying to become Americans."

Family Structure

"Now, however, the blacks are beginning to come into importance in organized crime at a time when being black, being a brother or a sister, serves to create a family type structure based upon militancy."

Sources said the Black Mafia here originated at a black social club in the Inner City, which continues to operate. The don or head of The Family was a leader of the club, sources said.

He was described by acquaintances as quiet and soft-spoken, about 40, and known for his ability to become quite violent.

Members of The Family are often seen at a popular North Side tavern.

Many Unaware

"Most of the people in the black community are not aware of The Family," one source said. "Those that do know about it — mostly the older people — are totally against it. Many of the younger people think of the members as some kind of heroes — walking cocky, driving nice wheels, wearing nice clothes."

"A lot of people, though, see drugs in the neighborhood and blame Whitey for it, not The Family."

The district attorney's office became more interested in the Black Mafia this week. The office charged two men, Isaac Haskins, 34, no current address, and Robert J. Neely, 25,

of 2954 N. Booth St., with armed burglary, false imprisonment, threats to injure and administering a dangerous drug.

Heroin Use Alleged

According to the complaint against them, the charges resulted from their attempts to get money they claimed was taken from them. The complaint stated that Neely told his alleged victims: "You can't rob The Syndicate and get away with that."

A woman named in the complaint as one of the alleged victims claimed that heroin was injected in both her arms to make her talk about the alleged theft.

The woman also claimed that she was told on Dec. 11, the night of the alleged incidents, that she and her baby would be killed if she did not help Haskins and Neely find those responsible for robbing them, according to the complaint.

Haskins, the complaint stated, told a second woman that he had been robbed of \$4,000 and jewelry and wanted to know where the thieves were.

One person Haskins and Neely were seeking, according to the complaint, was Felix Winters, 25. His frozen body was found near Kenosha on Dec. 27. He had been shot five times.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Richard Trujillo of the office's organized crime unit said he was looking into the existence of a Black Mafia and the possible membership in it of Haskins and Neely.

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Murder Charges Filed Against Two

First degree murder charges were issued against two men Thursday in a fatal shooting that officials said was linked to black organized crime.

Officials said a third man would have been charged had he not been found dead Wednesday of an apparent suicide.

Charged in the Jan. 1 slaying of Bobbie Dale Johnson, 23, of 2208 W. Lloyd St., were Johnson's brother, Lelon Johnson, 32, of the Lloyd St. address, and Eugene Terrell, 26.

Terrell already was being held in the County Jail on another first degree murder charge. Johnson was being held in southern California on a minor drug charge.

The third suspect in the Johnson slaying, Robert Cameron, 32, was found dead in a car in Lake Forest, Ill. At the time, he was being sought in connection with the fatal shooting of a 19 year old man Tuesday night and the abduction and rape of a 17 year old girl.

Police sources said Bobbie Johnson was killed because of a double cross in a drug deal.

His body was found in an alley behind 2926 N. 18th St. He had been shot in the head and chest.

Officials said two teenagers witnessed the incident and are now in protective custody because of threats made on their lives.

The second murder charge against Terrell involves the Nov. 8 fatal shooting of Ronald Cobbs, 25, of 2512 N. 7th St. Cobbs was shot in an apartment in the 1700 block of W. Center St. that officials said was used as an after hours club.

Terrell is scheduled to appear at a preliminary hearing in that case Friday.

The fatal shooting that preceded Cameron's suicide occurred at the home of Cameron's estranged wife, Rosa Mae Cameron, 1844 N. 26th St.

The victim, Clarence R. Kendrick, Mrs. Cameron's nephew, was tied up and then shot. A 17 year old girl who was in the house told police she was raped by Kendrick's slayer who released her in Lake Forest.

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Rhe Milwaukee Sentinel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Date: 2/6/76

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: Robert H Wills

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 2/10/76 b7D

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

1/20, 22, 2/2 and 5/76

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

MI 31-3692 [redacted] (C/A [redacted])

MI 12-0 NARCOTICS MATTERS (C/A [redacted])

MI 92-1554 BLACK FAMILY (C/A [redacted])

MI 87-12789 FENCING OPERATIONS (C/A [redacted])

MI 92-1169 EQUALS CLUB (CLOSED)

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Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
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31-3692

Source advised that [redacted] continues to work [redacted] in the core area. Source stated that he maintains close contact with [redacted] and stated that [redacted] is completely down and out and that the reason his "ladies" left him is that he mistreated them and as a result has acquired a bad reputation among the prostitutes in the Milwaukee area.

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Source advised that the only organized black group in the Milwaukee area are those individuals on the

- POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? No

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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Board of Directors of the Equals Club headed by [redacted] aka [redacted]. Source further stated regarding the Equals Club, it is a very lucrative business in that the Board of Directors obtains proceeds from the club only so far as the club makes money selling liquor and proceeds from gambling and other activity within the club itself. Source stated that individually the directors of the Equals are involved in all types of illegal activity specifically dealing in stolen merchandise, narcotics and prostitution; however, source does not believe that these individuals work together on a continuing basis in any of this illegal activity. Source stated that it has been his experience as a result of living [redacted] years in the inner-core area and associating with all types of criminals that no two black individuals are close with each other on a continuing basis in any illegal activity.

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Source advised that the activity conducted by [redacted] was nothing more than a bunch of junkies working for [redacted] and trying to push a very low-grade of narcotics for [redacted]. Source stated that [redacted] is absolutely no good and treats these people like slaves. Source stated that as a result of [redacted] mistreatment of his subordinates, an individual by the name of FELIX WINTERS and three other unknown individuals robbed [redacted] obtained a picture of WINTERS and showed it around the black community stating that if he found this individual he was going to kill him. Source stated that the result of this was that WINTERS was killed. Source stated that [redacted] was not well organized at all and that anyone with any brains would not have been so open in their threats regarding the desire to kill WINTERS.

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Source further stated that regarding the article in the Milwaukee Journal concerning the alleged Black Family in the Milwaukee area, the mild-mannered [redacted] year old black leader of this alleged Black Family is known no other than [redacted]
[redacted] aka [redacted] of the Equals Club. Source stated that to those the hit [redacted] has brought to the Equals Club, he has been voted out by the other members.

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TO : SAC [redacted] b7D

DATE: 3/5/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

3/4/76.

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

12-0 C/A [redacted]
92-1554 C/A //
166-897 C/A //

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Purpose and results of contact SOURCE WAS SHOWN A PICTURE OF [redacted]

NEGATIVE [redacted] (LNU) AND [redacted] HE STATED
 POSITIVE ALL THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE FAMILIAR TO HIM ALTHOUGH HE DID
 STATISTIC NOT KNOW THEM BY THEIR NAMES. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW IF
[redacted] WAS INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION OR STOLEN VEHICLE ACTIVITIES.

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K3 SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD NO RECENT
CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE "EQUALS CLUB". HE DID STATE
HOWEVER THAT THERE WAS DRUG TRAFFICKING TAKING PLACE THERE
ACCORDING TO "STREET TALK".

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SOURCE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES
IN THAT THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF TRAFFICKING IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD
 POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or
furnishing false information?

NONE

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him
since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE (92-1554) (P)

DATE: 3/8/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: BLACK FAMILY

On 2/19/76 [redacted] (Protect) Milwaukee Police Department, advised that what has been recently referred to the local news media reports as the "Black Family" is, in fact, identifiable with the "Equals Club."

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[redacted] said that certain members of the Equals are deeply involved in drug trafficking which is the main source of income for the "Black Family." [redacted] indicated that beginning around March 1973, up until January 1976, there have been a series of murders in Milwaukee which are directly related to and attributable to individuals associated with the "Equals Club."

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[redacted] advised all these murders appear to be as a result of a power struggle for controlling of drug traffic.

[redacted] said that he would make available any information whatsoever, to writer concerning above, once it has been cleared with [redacted]

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will contact [redacted] regarding captioned matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE [REDACTED] (P) b7D DATE: February 23, 1976

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7D

-Dates-of-Contact

2/6, 10, 13, and 17/76

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

MI 87-New UNSUB, aka, FNU [REDACTED]

FNU [REDACTED]; ITSP

MI 92-1554 BLACK FAMILY; AR

C/A [REDACTED]

MI 91-5222 [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

C/A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; BR

MI 87-13280 UNSUB; [REDACTED]

C/A [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact MI 88-6447 [REDACTED]

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MI 91-5176

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C/A [REDACTED]

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MI 87-13076

UNSUB; aka, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C/A [REDACTED]

MI 182-0

GAMBLING MATTERS

C/A [REDACTED]

MI 12-0

NARCOTICS MATTERS

C/A [REDACTED]

MI 66-911

MISCELLANEOUS INFOR-
MATION RE FIREARMS

C/A [REDACTED]

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 POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVENHas informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or
furnishing false information?

No

 Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him
since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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 (1 - 88-6447) (1 - 91-5176) (1 - 87-13076)
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MI 87-New, MI 66-911, MI 92-1554, and MI 12-0

On February 6, 1976, source advised that the individual whom he referred to as [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU) from [redacted] is believed to be [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] date of birth - [redacted]. Source advised he believes [redacted] is currently employed at [redacted]. Source further advised that one of the two girls [redacted] is named [redacted] [redacted] and is believed to be [redacted]

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On February 10, 1976, source advised that the [redacted]

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of cocaine, are First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] (white male) and FNU [redacted] (black male).

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On February 13, 1976, source advised that the individual whom he referred to previously as [redacted] is believed to be [redacted] a known pimp and narcotics pusher in Milwaukee who is currently driving a black Cadillac.

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On February 17, 1976, source advised that [redacted] and [redacted] are currently residing at [redacted]; telephone number [redacted]; and have, in their possession, a white 1974 Cadillac bearing Wisconsin tags. Source advised that [redacted] and [redacted] and have, in their possession, [redacted]

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Source also stated that they have, in their possession, [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted] LNU (not [redacted]), [redacted] and [redacted], along

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with several new faces, are dealing heavily from the Masterpiece.

Source advised that [redacted] currently released from prison. has moved back onto the scene and is working for [redacted]

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Source further advised that the dry cleaning store on Burleigh between 10th and 11th is a front for a distribution point for illicit narcotics. Source advised that [redacted] who is currently out on an appeal bond on a Federal shotgun case, is operating this center.

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MI 91-5222

Source advised that he believes he has seen the subject of this case at J. B. GRANT's after-hours joint during the first two weeks of February. Source stated that he will attempt to obtain additional information regarding his whereabouts.

MI 87-13280

Source advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised that rumor is on the street that [redacted] has a \$2,000 contract on [redacted] and that an incident similar to the one in which FELIX WINTERS was killed will soon occur. Source advised that [redacted] continues to pass bad paper, mainly in the suburbs of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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MI 88-6447

Source advised that he believes this subject came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from Illinois and was last seen by him in a bar which was originally "Dicky's Cool Inn" and

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is believed now to be "The Retreat." Source advised that this individual is currently residing with [redacted] LNU and two brothers, both black males, one named [redacted] at [redacted]. [redacted] Source advised that the two brothers from Indiana are known stick-up artists and are believed to be wanted by Indiana authorities.

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MI 91-5176

After viewing the surveillance photographs, source advised that he believes the Unknown Subject is [redacted] LNU, a known check passer, who resides in the vicinity of [redacted] and [redacted] in [redacted]. Source described [redacted] build, in her [redacted] and stated that she is known as "an [redacted] checks in the past. Source advised that [redacted] is known to [redacted]

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MI 87-13076

Source identified photograph of the Negro male as one of the three Negros who are currently passing checks in Milwaukee from [redacted]. Source advised that he believes this individual has a prior arrest for checks in [redacted] and would be known to that police department. Source further advised that the individual in the photographs usually travels in the company of three other persons, one of whom is a local Milwaukeean who generally hangs out at the Warehouse and the Retreat.

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MI 182-0

Source advised that [redacted] Clark station, located at Teutonia and Burleigh, is currently booking horse bets.

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TO : SAC *Milwaukee* [redacted]b7D DATE: *2/26/76*

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

2/4, 2/17, 2/25

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

29-1452 Theft of Morris Capitol Marine Bank c/a [redacted]

92-1554 Black family c/a [redacted]

12-0 Narcotics Matters c/a [redacted]

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Purpose and results of contact

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29-1452

on 2/4/76 source advised that [redacted] suggest in this matter, was observed in the company of a white male employee from the Capitol Marine Bank in a bar located at 16th and Division. [redacted] told this individual that "its all in your hands now."

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- POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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This information was provided to case agent who will obtain photographs of Capitol Marin employees for display to source.

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On 2/17/76 source telephonically advised that a loosely knit group of blacks calling themselves the Black Family, were holding a meeting at the Masterpiece Lodge located on 6th St Milwaukee. Source advised that Blacks from East St. Louis, Gary, Indiana, and East Chicago are supposed to meet here to discuss taking over the remaining white man's dealings in Milwaukee.

Case Agent advised:

On 2/25/76 Source advised the Black Family is a loosely knit group of blacks in Milwaukee that originally belonged to other organizations such as the Equals Club. Source advised that

[redacted] also [redacted]

a former Equals Club member and

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[redacted] is now involved w/ the family.

Source further stated that there are "out of town" blacks mainly from East St. Louis and Gary Ind. that have moved in to Milwaukee to become part of the "family." Source stated the new "Black Family" is self named and the primary leader of this group is Newton.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted] DATE: 3/25/76 b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

MI 31-3613 (CLOSED)

MI 31-3692 (CLOSED)

MI 92-1169 (CLOSED)

MI 92-1554 (C/A [redacted])

MI 12-0 (C/A [redacted])

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- POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? NO

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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Same

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MI 31-3613

Source advised that during the weekend of March 5, 6 and 7, 1976, [redacted] had a 3-day party which was attended by most of the pimps and narcotics traffickers in Milwaukee. Source stated that [redacted] aka [redacted] a pimp from [redacted] was at the party and he is apparently opening a new house of prostitution in [redacted] as he was attempting to recruit girls from other pimps at the party.

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MI 31-3692

Source advised that [redacted] is no longer working at [redacted] and source believes that [redacted] is more involved in narcotics than prostitution at the present time. Source further stated that [redacted] lives around [redacted]. Source also advised that [redacted] has in the past recruited girls for [redacted] and that she lives at [redacted]. Source further advised that he does not believe that [redacted] is active in prostitution at the present time but stated that as of last March, 1975, [redacted] was running women all over the country.

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Source advised that an individual who hangs around with [redacted] is [redacted] and that [redacted] hangs around Clarence's After Hours Club located near 8th and Atkinson. Source advised that [redacted] drives a mustard color late model Cadillac with a Continental kit on the trunk. Source advised that another individual who has associated closely with [redacted] is [redacted] who lives in the area of [redacted]. Source stated [redacted] was a [redacted] at one time and that he goes to the Equals Club nightly.

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MI 92-1169 and 92-1554

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Source advised that [redacted] who is [redacted] "N Club" located near the intersection of Port Washington, Green Bay, and Keefe in Milwaukee, is

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[redacted] b7D

the big man for the Equals and that he holds the title of [redacted] for the Equals. Source stated that [redacted] in the "N Club" and that he [redacted] [redacted] Source advised that as far as the organization of the Equals is concerned the social part of the club is run by [redacted] [redacted] however, the real leadership comes from the senior board members under the leadership of [redacted] aka [redacted] Source advised that the board members share in the proceeds of the Equals Club and could be considered a family or close-knit organization in the respect that members occasionally pool money to buy a large bag "that is a large supply of narcotics" which are more readily obtained than if each member tried to make his own connections. Source advised these board members also will help each other regarding legal difficulties and have been known to chip in and furnish a member who is down on his luck with a small bag. Source advised that the board members all have "their own thing" and do not necessarily depend on each other for the operation of their individual business. Source advised that they are each aware of the other's activities, occasionally assist each other; however, they do not necessarily pool all their resources. Source also advised that the senior board members meet every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Equals.

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MI 12-0
Source advised that an individual known as [redacted] who drives a white Cadillac bearing Illinois license plates is a professional gambler as well as a coke pusher and user. Source also advised he believes this individual has an apartment in [redacted] located in the [redacted] near [redacted]

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MI 92-0

Source advised a Negro male by the name of [redacted] who is employed at [redacted] as well as [redacted] has [redacted] a girl nicknamed [redacted] and that they are into everything, prostitution, fencing stolen property and passing paper.

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MI 31-0 and 166-803

Source advised that [redacted] aka [redacted] usually hangs around the Equals, the after hours social club near 8th and Atkinson or the Masterpiece Lounge. Source advised that [redacted] is looked upon with disfavor by other blacks involved in prostitution because [redacted] has a big mouth and these individuals feel that [redacted] is putting too much heat on himself and his associates.

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Source advised that [redacted] currently [redacted] and [redacted] Source stated that he is still sponsored by [redacted]

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MI 46-1178

Source advised that he does not know subject's whereabouts. Source stated that this individual does look familiar to him.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] b7D DATE: April 5, 1976

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

3/22/76 and 4/1/76

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

92-1554 BLACK FAMILY (C/A [redacted])

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12-0

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Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
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Source advised that she has heard the expression "Black Family"; however, she believes that the Black Family is just another name for the Equals.

Source further advised from her experience in the area of prostitution, she does not believe that any prostitution activities are operated out of Milwaukee by more than one individual. In other words, source believes that each pimp conducts his own business, has his own ladies; although the pimps do associate with each other socially.

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Source advised she has heard of an after-hours joint located at 8th and Atkinson. Source believes this club is frequented

- POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? **NO**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.	Coverage
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by a tight-knit clique and that it is operated merely as a drinking establishment and that there is no prostitution. Source did advise there is no doubt there are narcotics available at this location.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

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DATE:

4/5/76

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7D

Dates of Contact

3/15/76, 3/22/76

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

66-911 (Miscellaneous Info re [REDACTED])

31-0 (SA) [REDACTED]

15-6685 (SA) [REDACTED]

92-1554 (SA) [REDACTED]

87-12789 (SA) [REDACTED]

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Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

66-911

Source advised a B/F named [REDACTED] is an [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Subj. resides neft which is yellow and green in color. Subj. lives in an upper flat and has a male friend named [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] contacted and advised officials of info. [REDACTED] who advised that [REDACTED] N/F; DPOB [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]; 411; 98 1/2; [REDACTED]

POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

[REDACTED]

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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[REDACTED]

PERSONAL DATA

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 1- (66-911)
 1- (31-0)
 1- (15-6685)
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1- (87-12789)
 1- (92-1554)

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CM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Blk. hair; [redacted] eyes; med comp.; FBI # [redacted]

SSN # [redacted]

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On 3/15/76 MIPD advised re above

Milw claims 1 local - ing

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Source advised [redacted] - preventatively resulting b6
at [redacted] where he is dealing. [redacted] b7C
drives
a 1976 Cadillac Fleetwood. Brugham, dk brown. in color

15-C, 87-12789, 92-1554

Source stated young gang of blacks in Chicago
living in [redacted] area vandals near railroad cars b6
near 61st & Wentworth. Gang responsible for several b7C
thefts including guns.

Gang deals with a Spanish man named
[redacted] who lives in vicinity of [redacted]

[redacted] has connections in Milw. and sells items here.
drives a 1975 Mercury Monarch, light blue with
dk interior. (possibly a rental.).

Source [redacted]

Source stated [redacted] possibly contact with
"Black Family" in their desire to [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE [redacted] (P) b7D

DATE: 4/8/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

On 3/26/76, source claimed that there does not exist any formally organized group known as the "Black Family." Source stated that this phase was apparently coined by [redacted] a member of the Equal's Club who is currently facing prosecution for his part in the murder of FELIX WINTERS, one of [redacted] pushers/junkies.

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Source went on to say that apparently the terms "Black Family" and "Equal's Club" are being used synonymously. The Equal's Club, according to the source, is the only large-scale, social black organization within the Milwaukee area; some of whose members are involved in criminal activities outside of the group's direction. There is no club leadership which is directing any organized criminal activity in the Milwaukee area. There is a small number of members of the club who socialize, and on an "individual" basis are involved in criminal activities.

Source advised that outside of the big money dice and card games conducted at the club, narcotics trafficking is the main area of criminal activity occurring among certain club members.

Source further advised that the individual identified as [redacted] the alleged head of the "Black Family," is known personally to him as [redacted] according to the source, holds a legitimate job at [redacted] and is not the head of the "Black Family." Source did state, however, that in the past [redacted]

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[redacted] known narcotics pushers who purchase narcotics (mainly cocaine) from other sources. These individuals [redacted] the narcotics [redacted]

[redacted] these drugs.

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Source knows of no large-scale black drug dealers within the Milwaukee area. He stated, however, that trips are made by both plane and car to the west coast and Mexico in order to purchase narcotics, but that he has never heard of any large-scale drug dealings. In fact, he said that lately he has only heard of small deals (chipping) where individuals are selling small packages of cocaine from a given amount. Source indicated that the going price for 25 grams of coke is \$1,050.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted] (P) DATE: 4/19/76 b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

4/14/76

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

92-1554C/A12-0NARCOTICS MATTERSb6
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Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

Source was contacted at residence at which time he stated he had been out of town for two weeks.

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Source said that recent heat put on by local police and Federal Agents has made local dealers in narcotic wary of getting arrested. He said that trafficking has slowed considerably and that there are, at present, no large scale "dealings" (heroin or cocaine) in the Milwaukee area.

 POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

NONE

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CRIMINAL Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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Source indicated that it is common knowledge the Equals Club is used for gambling activities (dice and card games). Source knows of no formally organized group operating out of the Equals known as the "Black Family."

Source said he had only recently heard of this phrase as a result of newspaper accounts relating to the murder of FELIX WINTERS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 4/22/76	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/4/76 - 4/12/76
TITLE OF CASE THE BLACK FAMILY		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY 1mk b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigation regarding the Equals Club was first instituted in the Milwaukee Division on 1/5/73 (MIfile 92-1169). At that time it was determined that the Equals Club was a black social club dominated by a coalition of local tavern owners, businessmen and other individuals, some of which are involved in assorted criminal activities. Certain individual members of the club will finance narcotics operations in the core area of Milwaukee. This apparently is one of the main sources of income. The Drug Enforcement Administration is currently conducting an investigation to determine the extent

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CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		None	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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of activities of various members of the Equals.

In view of the above, Milwaukee is conducting no further investigation in this matter inasmuch as it does not appear that activities of the Equals Club as an organization, are in violation of Federal statutes. Where it appears that individual members are in violation of Federal statutes, individual cases will be opened and investigation conducted.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [] contacted by SA []
[] on 2/3, 2/6, 2/10, 2/13 and 2/17/76.

MI T-2 is [] contacted by SA []
[] and SA [] on 1/20, 1/22,
2/2, 2/5, 2/25 and 3/26/76.

MI T-3 is [] Milwaukee
Police Department contacted on 2/19/76.

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MI T-4 is [] contacted by SA []
[] on 3/4/76.

MI T-5 is [] contacted by SA []
[] on 3/22/76.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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MILWAUKEE

Report of:

April 22, 1976

Office:

Date:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

THE BLACK FAMILY

Character:

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Synopsis:

Investigation in this matter instituted upon specific request of USA, EDW. Contacts with sources and informants knowledgeable about the existence of any organized group of black criminals did not reflect any positive information concerning matters of Bureau interest. The Drug Enforcement Administration has a current investigation concerning [REDACTED]
aka [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

Investigation in this matter was predicated on the specific request by United States Attorney (USA) WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN, Eastern District of Wisconsin (EDW), Milwaukee. MULLIGAN stated based on newspaper reports

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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and discussions with personnel of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, he believed a sizable element of black organized crime existed in the Milwaukee area, and its illegal activities related to narcotics, prostitution, gambling and stolen property. USA MULLIGAN desired that an initial investigation be instituted to determine if Federal laws were being violated.

On January 19, 1976, an article appeared in the Milwaukee Journal, a local Milwaukee newspaper, alluding to the fact that a black syndicate, also referred to as the Black Mafia and the Black Family, had developed recently in the Milwaukee area. The article went on to say that the organization was less than a year old but many sources said it could surpass the Italian Mafia in organizational strength and capacity for violence. Said unnamed sources believed narcotics trafficking was the main source of power and profit for this organization. Members of the organization call themselves The Family, sources said. They modeled their structure allegedly after the traditional Italian Mafia with boss, underboss, lieutenants and soldiers.

Alleged contact with state and local officers, who apparently have been reluctant to talk about the Black Mafia, indicated that its (The Family) primary concern is narcotics trafficking. The article intimated that The Family was behind the killing of THOMAS (TOMMY SLICK) WEST during February, 1976. WEST had been killed in his apartment with a shotgun and a pistol. According to a source, SLICK was allegedly "wasted when he failed to pay money that was owed."

Other unnamed sources said that the Black Mafia in Milwaukee had originated at a black social club in the innercity (not further identified but believed to be the Equals Club) which continues to operate. The don or head of The Family was a leader of the club, sources said. The article also stated

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that most of the people in the black community are not aware of "The Family." The article further stated that the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office became interested in the Black Mafia during the week of January 19, 1976. The Office had charged two men, ISAAC HASKINS and ROBERT J. NEEDY with armed burglary, false imprisonment, threats to injure and administering a dangerous drug.

According to the complaint against them, charges resulted from HASKINS and NEEDY's attempts to get money they claimed was taken from them. The complaint stated that NEEDY told his alleged victims "You can't stop The Syndicate and get away with it."

One person HASKINS and NEEDY were seeking, according to the complaint, was FELIX WINTERS. His frozen body was found near Kenosha, Wisconsin, on December 27, 1975. He had been shot five times.

On February 3, 1976, MI T-1 advised that a loosely-knit group of black gangs calling themselves The Black Family were currently engaging in many types of illegal activities including burglary, armed robbery, prostitution, check passing and gambling. Source advised that the common bond between these gangs was the sale of illicit narcotics.

Source advised that following the incarceration of [redacted] a brief power struggle ensued between a number of persons in The Black Family for the control of narcotics operation. Source went on to say that among those were individuals such as [redacted]

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[redacted]. Additionally, an individual named [redacted] last name unknown, previously unknown to the source, emerged on the scene and apparently gained overall control of the major supply of heroin and cocaine. Source advised that this had the effect of more or less solidifying the dealers and pushers under one man and apparently giving rise to "The Black Family."

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Source advised that [redacted] a black male from [redacted] is apparently a large supplier for [redacted] last name unknown and is second in the hierarchy of The Black Family. Under [redacted] and [redacted] is [redacted] also known as [redacted] [redacted] a well-known heavy dealer in narcotics. Under [redacted] a number of gangs or groups of blacks each with their own leader exists, among these being [redacted] and [redacted]

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Source pointed out that each of these groups has a number of members and that each has its own type of illegal activity which it engages in, such as prostitution, gambling, checks, armed robbery, et cetera.

Position in The Family is dependent upon financial wealth and access to the supply of narcotics, in particular, heroin and cocaine. Source attributed several recent murders in Milwaukee to The Black Family, those being FREDDIE JONES, who was found in an alley on the north side of Milwaukee, apparently died of an overdose and FELIX WINTERS, who was recently shot and killed in Kenosha County. Source advised that both of these slayings were drug related and observed that FELIX WINTERS had stolen a shipment of cocaine and was subsequently killed or ordered killed by [redacted]
[redacted]

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On February 5, 1976, MI T-2 advised that the only organized black group in the Milwaukee area is those individuals on the Board of Directors of the Equals Club headed by [redacted] also known as [redacted] Source further stated regarding the Equals Club, it is a very lucrative business in that the Board of Directors obtains proceeds from the club only so far as the club makes money selling liquor and proceeds from gambling and other activity within the club itself. Source stated that individually the directors of the Equals are involved in all types of illegal activity specifically

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dealing in stolen merchandise, narcotics and prostitution; however, source does not believe that those individuals work together on a continuing basis in any of this illegal activity. Source stated that it has been his experience as a result of living [redacted] years in the inner core area and associating with all type of criminals that no two black individuals are close with each other on a continuing basis in any illegal activity.

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Source went on to advise that the activity conducted by [redacted] was nothing more than a bunch of junkies working for [redacted] and trying to push a very low grade of narcotics for him. Source stated that [redacted] is absolutely no good and treats these people badly. Source said that as a result of [redacted] mistreatment of his subordinates, an individual by the name of FELIX WINTERS, a former pusher for [redacted] and three other unknown individuals, held him up and robbed him.

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Source also indicated that [redacted] was not well organized at all and that anyone with any brains would not have been so open in their threats to kill WINTERS.

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Source further stated that regarding the article in the Milwaukee Journal concerning the alleged Black Family in the Milwaukee area, the mild manner [redacted] year old black leader of this alleged Black Family is no other than [redacted] also known as [redacted] the head of the Equals. Source stated that because of the pressure brought upon the Equals Club as a result of [redacted] being involved in the murder of FELIX WINTERS, he has been voted out by the other members of the club.

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On February 6, 1976, MI T-1 advised that the individual referred to as [redacted] last name unknown, is believed to be [redacted]

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[redacted] date of birth
[redacted] Source stated that he believes

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[redacted] is currently employed at [redacted]
Source further advised that one of the two girls
[redacted] is [redacted]
believed to be [redacted]

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Source further advised that [redacted]
along with several other unidentified individuals,
is dealing heavily in narcotics from the Masterpiece
Motol, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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On February 19, 1976, MI T-3 advised that what had been recently referred to in the local news media reports as The Black Family was, in fact, identifiable with certain individual members of the Equals Club. Source said that these certain members of the Equals are deeply involved in drug trafficking, which is the main source of income for them. MI T-3 indicated that beginning around March, 1973, and up until January, 1976, there had been a series of murders in Milwaukee which were directly related to and attributable to individuals associated with the Equals Club. MI T-3 said all of these murders appear to be as a result of a struggle within the drug trafficking area.

On February 25, 1976, MI T-2 advised that [redacted] who is the [redacted] "The End" located near the intersection of Port Washington, Green Bay and Kewe Avenues in Milwaukee, is the big man for the Equals and that he holds the title of [redacted] for the Equals.

Source stated that [redacted]
in "The End" Club and that he [redacted]

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[redacted] Source stated that as far as the organization of the Equals is concerned the social part of the club is run by [redacted] however, the real leadership comes from the senior board members under the leadership of [redacted] also known as [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised that the board members share in the proceeds of the Equals Club and could be considered The Family or close knit organization in

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the respect that members occasionally pool money to buy a large "bag." A large bag is defined as a larger supply of narcotics which is more readily obtained than if each member tried to make his own connections.

Source also indicated that board members also will help each other regarding legal difficulties and have been known to chip in and furnish a member who is down on his luck with a small bag. Source advised that the board members all have "their own thing" and do not necessarily depend on each other for the operation of their individual businesses.

Source said that they are each aware of the other's activities, occasionally assisting each other; however, they do not necessarily pool all their resources.

On March 4, 1976, MI T-4 advised that although he has had no recent contact with members of the Equals Club, he did have association with various members. Source said that narcotics trafficking and gambling were the main activities occurring at the club. However, he has never heard that the club members were organized along any formal lines concerning perpetration of criminal activities in the Milwaukee area. Source said that the name Black Family had only recently been known to him subsequent to reading the newspaper account concerning same.

Source felt that the social club referred to in the article was the Equals Club and that allegedly "The Black Family" name was being used synonymously with the Equals Club.

On March 22, 1975, MI T-5 said she has heard the expression Black Family; however, she believes that The Black Family is just another name being used for the Equals. In reference to any organized prostitution activities occurring at the Equals Club, source advised from her experience in the area of prostitution, she does not believe any prostitution activities are operated out of Milwaukee by more than one individual. In other

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words, source says that each pimp conducts his own business and has his own ladies, although the pimps do associate with each other socially at the Equals.

On March 26, 1976, MI T-2 reiterated that there does not exist any formally organized group known as "The Black Family." Source stated that this phrase was apparently coined by [redacted] and [redacted] who are currently facing prosecution for their part in the murder of FELIX WINTERS.

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Source went on to say that apparently the terms "Black Family" and "Equals Club," are being used synonymously in the Milwaukee area. The Equals Club according to the source, is the only large scale social black organization within the Milwaukee area, some of whose members are involved in criminal activities outside of the club's direction. There is no group leadership which is directing any organized criminal activity in the Milwaukee area. There is a small number of members of the club who socialize and on an "individual basis" are involved in criminal activities.

Source further stated that outside of the big money dice and card games conducted at the club, narcotics trafficking is the main area of criminal activity occurring among members.

Source also said that the individual identified as [redacted] the alleged head of "The Black Family," is known personally to him as [redacted] according to the source, holds a legitimate job at [redacted] and is not the head of "The Black Family." Source did state, however, that in the past [redacted]

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[redacted] some narcotics pushers who purchase narcotics (mainly cocaine) from other sources. These individuals [redacted] the narcotics [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] these drugs.

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Source knows of no large scale black drug dealers within the Milwaukee area. He stated, however, that trips are made by both plane and car to the West Coast and Mexico in order to purchase narcotics but that he has never heard of any major drug dealings. In fact, he said that lately he has only heard of small deals where individuals are selling small packages of cocaine from a given amount (commonly referred to as chipping).

On April 21, 1976, Special Agent [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), [redacted] conferred with Special Agent [redacted] Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) concerning the activities of [redacted] also known as [redacted]. [redacted] said that his agency has a current pending investigation concerning [redacted] and his drug activities. He also said that DEA is thoroughly aware of drug trafficking at the Equals Club. Contact with DEA sources concerning the existence of any formally organized club referring to themselves as The Black Family has met with negative results.

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[redacted] said that he does not believe an organization known as The Black Family exists and that probably this term emerged from the newspaper articles concerning certain drug-related murders and activities occurring within the Milwaukee area in recent months.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

b7D DATE: 3/29/76

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

3/8 + 3/25/76 + 3/29/76

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

29-1452 Theft of Money Capitol Marine Bank C/o [redacted]
 92-1554 Blum Family C/o [redacted]
 12-0 Narcotics Matters [redacted]

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Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

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On 3/8/76 [redacted]

was observed at [redacted]

She was over-heard to

say "they can't stop me now" but the statement was out of context and it is not known whether it is relevant to the Capitol Marine Bank.

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- POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

- Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

Coverage

PERSONAL DATA

1- [redacted] b7D

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Source advised that [redacted] is apparently involved in [redacted]

[redacted] Source was unable to say if [redacted]
[redacted] however he advised he had previously been
aware that [redacted]
[redacted] during 1975.

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Source also advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Source stated that [redacted]

[redacted] the Capitol Bank on Burnside
West & Post Washington Rd.

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On 3/25/76 Source advised that " [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised both

[redacted] and [redacted] the

Capitol Marine Bank.

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Source viewed photographs of the male employees of the
Capitol Bank and advised that many of these individuals
were identical to the person he observed talking to [redacted] in the
lobby on Althman.

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On 3/29/76 Source stated that the person observed talking
to [redacted] is a W/m [redacted] or [redacted], slightly receding hairline, wears
glasses and sits in the last desk in the center row in the
rear of the bank.

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On 3/29/76 Source advised that [redacted] has gained a great deal of influence in the Black family and that [redacted] is involved in the day end of the operation.

Source advised that a group from Gary Indiana is responsible for a large portion of the narcotics trafficking of the Black family.

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On July 27, 1976, [redacted] advised that the black family is still dealing heavily in narcotics and that [redacted] from [redacted] remains involved in the [redacted] Source advised that [redacted]

[redacted] as they had previously, [redacted]

[redacted] Source stated

[redacted] (phonetic), [redacted]

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named [redacted] (phonetic). Source advised that [redacted]

Source further advised that [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] are now working for the [redacted] and that another black male called [redacted] is putting large packages on the street in Milwaukee.

[redacted] Internal Revenue Service Intelligence advised of above on August 13, 1976.

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mpd [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on January 25, 1977,
that [redacted]
to source [redacted] and

[redacted] indicated that (regarding the) [redacted]

that the Equal's Club [redacted]

[redacted] and that [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the
[redacted] gambling and narcotics
[redacted] Equal's Club [redacted]

Source

indicates that the Equal's Club has lost much of its
authority due to arguments among Equal's Board members.

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[redacted] furnished information on July 6, 1977, that the Equals Club has been devastated by recent membership cancellations and that for all practical purposes, the Club no longer exists except for minor dope dealers and pimps. Source notes that [redacted] and [redacted] seem to be in control of the Equals Club at the present time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-1554) (P)

DATE: June 15, 1977

FROM : SA [redacted] b6
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SUBJECT: BLACK FAMILY
AR

On June 10, 1977, [redacted] advised he was contacted by [redacted] who is [redacted] and was requested to [redacted]

Source advised he [redacted] and nothing more was said about it. Source stated [redacted] was driving a white/white Mark IV with Wisconsin license [redacted]

Due to singular nature of this information, this will not be disseminated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-1554) **[REDACTED]**-C-

DATE: August 29, 1977

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6
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SUBJECT: BLACK FAMILY
AR

Source advised on August 24, 1977, that the murder which occurred in Racine, Wisconsin, within the last month was drug related and apparently associated with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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that [REDACTED] stated that the word on the street is that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did the job at the order of [REDACTED]

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Source stated that [REDACTED]
his organization because [REDACTED]
supposedly took [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Source also stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have opened three new shops; two in the vicinity of 27th and Burleigh and one in the vicinity of 20th and Center, Milwaukee. One shop is a record store; another, a snack concession; and the third, at 20th and Center, is a bake shop. All three places feature gambling, girls, and drugs.

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Source stated that [REDACTED]

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narcotics. Source stated that a blue and white house on [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] is currently being used by [REDACTED] as a distribution point.

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(1 - [REDACTED]) b7D

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